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In reapplication of:

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METHOD FOR REDUCING NON-SPECIFIC AGGREGATION OF

LATEX MICROPARTICLES IN THE

PRESENCE OF SERUM OR

PLASMA

PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) FOR REVIVAL OF AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION AND CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), Applicants respectfully petition for revival of the above-identified patent application which became unintentionally abandoned on August 26, 2003. The present application became abandoned as a result of a failure to respond to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003. Enclosed herewith is an Amendment, to continue prosecution of this application.

In accordance with 37 C.R.F. § 1.17(m), a check in the amount of \$1,330 is submitted to cover the fee for this petition.

Applicant became aware that the application had become abandoned on or about November 6, 2003 upon seeing Notice of Abandonment. The entire delay from the due date for the required response until the filing of this petition has been unintentional.

No terminal disclaimer is submitted pursuant to 37 C.R.F. § 1.137(c), because the above-referenced application was filed after June 8, 1995.

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It is believed that no extension of time is required. However, should an extension of time be necessary to revive the above-identified application or to prevent the above-identified application from becoming abandoned again, please consider this a conditional petition for such an extension of time. Please charge any fee for such an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

If it should be determined that for any reason either an insufficient fee or an excessive has been paid, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment necessary to ensure revival of the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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